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1. USIA officials, together with officials of USIA-controlled firms, are inventorying all machinery, raw materials, and other equipment at all USIA plants. All property not required for current or anticipated production is to be sold through the USIA sales offices, or repaired for shipment to the USSR.*
2. USIA continues to place orders whenever possible with USIA plants which are prepared to incorporate orders in current production schedules. Punin, Avtovelo Chief Bookkeeper, and Pshenichnikov, head of the Avtovelo Sales and Purchasing Department, expect large Soviet orders for the procurement of raw materials in the next few months. They have already been requested to purchase 1,000 sets of tires for Austro-Fiat trucks. Kibelmer-Humboldt-Deutz, which for the past six months has had few Soviet orders, recently received an order for the manufacture of about 1,000 mobile electrical units (7.5 KVA). This firm now produces 100 to 125 Diesel engines per month. Twenty-five are allocated to the Austrian market, and the remainder are to be shipped to the USSR or used for these electrical units. With reference to Soviet emphasis on the shipment of USIA products to the USSR, the source states that 60% of the circular and band saws manufactured by Peter Ginzler** are shipped to the USSR.***

Comment:

Comment: The Peter Ginzler firm is located in Ybbsitz Markt.

Comment: In [redacted] it was reported that the Soviets were urging
USIA-controlled plants to accelerate production and had advised Avtovelo and
Podyornik plants that large orders were to continue for five to six months.

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